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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR AMBASSADOR:

A. BILL BROWN WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE JUNE 12 SUPPORT FLIGHT TO FRANKFURT, FLY ON AN EXCURSION FARE TO BOSTON TO ATTEND HIS 25TH CLASS REUNION AT HARVARD, RETURN TO LONDON TO JOIN YOU FOR JUNE 30 - JULY 1 CONSULTATIONS WITH ADMIRAL BAGLEY, CINCUSNAVEUR, AND RETURN TO MOSCOW WITH YOU ON JULY 2. AS YOU KNOW, I PLAN TO GO TO FRANKFURT FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION ON JUNE 12 OUTGOING LFIGHT, RETURNING TO MOSCOW JUNE 15. DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO BILL TAKING LEAVE AS OUTLINED ABOVE? (PERIOD WHEN BOTH OF US WOULD BE AWAY WOULD BE ONLY THREE DAYS.)

B. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR PRESIDENT TO SEE KIRILLIN, HOWEVER BRIEFLY, DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR THE S&T JCM NEXT JULY. KIRILLIN IS CERTAIN TO FEEL SLIGHTED IF HE DOES NOT SEE THE PRESIDENT THIS TIME AROUND, SINCE HE HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD DURING THE 1974 WASHINGTON JCM. HE, AND HIS SUPERIORS ARE ALSO LIKELY TO
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INTERPRET AN INABILITY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AS SIGNAL THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION'S INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IS NOT HIGH. FOR THESE REASONS, YOU MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS MATTER IN APPROPRIATE QUARTERS.

C. PARA 15, MOSCOW 7195 OF DRAFT CHICAGO SPEECH SHOULD READ "EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AMENDMENTS OF 1974" VICE "EXPORT-

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IMPORT BANK EXTENSION ACT."

2. REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS OF LANGUAGE OFFICERS TO USIA EXHIBIT, YOU SHOULD HAVE MOSCOW 7224 BY NOW. WE HOPE THAT THE SUGGESTION IN PARA 4 WILL PROVE FEASIBLE, SINCE IT WOULD SEEM TO MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS, AND CERTAINLY IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO FIND ONE LANGUAGE-QUALIFIED ADMIN OFFICER FOR JANUARY THAN TWO FOR SUMMER. WE SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS FACING OUR GSO UNIT SINCE WE THINK THAT THEY ARE QUITE UNPRECEDENTED, BOTH IN VOLUME AND IMPORTANCE. WE WILL BE AS FLEXIBLE AS WE RESPONSIBLY CAN, BUT FULL STAFFING OF THE GENERAL SERVICES UNIT WITH QUALIFIED OFFICERS IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE IN THE PERIOD FACING US.
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